

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
WESTERN DIVISION

No. 5:24-cv-00500-M-BM

UNITED SOVEREIGN AMERICANS, INC.)
and RICHARD YOST,)
)
Petitioners,) NOTICE OF
) SUPPLEMENTAL
v.) AUTHORITY
)
MERRICK GARLAND, IN HIS OFFICIAL)
CAPACITY AS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF)
THE UNITED STATES, et al.,)
)
Respondents.)

Respondent Merrick Garland (the “Attorney General”), in his official capacity as the Attorney General of the United States, through the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina, hereby submits this notice of authority in support of the Attorney General’s motion to dismiss [D.E. 32].

In 2024, Petitioner United Sovereign Americans, Inc. filed petitions against the Attorney General that are substantially similar to the instant petition in numerous courts around the country. *See, e.g., United Sovereign Americans v. Byrd*, 4:24-cv-327 (N.D. Fla.). In response, the Attorney General has sought dismissal on the same bases asserted in the motion to dismiss filed in this case. *See D.E. 33; see also Exhibit 1 (Motion to Dismiss filed in Byrd).*

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida recently granted the government’s motion to dismiss in the *Byrd* case. That ruling is attached

for this Court's consideration. *See Exhibit 2* (Order Granting the United States of America's Motion to Dismiss).

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of January 2025.

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This is to certify that undersigned counsel has on this 15th day of January 2025, served a copy of the foregoing upon Petitioners' counsel of record by filing the same via the District Court's CM/ECF Document Filing System or placing a copy in the U.S. Mail addressed to the following:

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